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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMB. MAILLIARD THRU ASST SECY ROGERS

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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.), PFOR, OAS

SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM - YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THE VI OAS  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY (S/S 7604297 )

### 1. THE PROBLEM

IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THE ONLY FEASIBLE TIME FOR THE  
INFORMAL MINISTERIAL SESSIONS OF THE OASGA IS JUNE 4-7.

### 2. DISCUSSION

THE OAS REGULATIONS REQUIRE THAT THE OASGA BEGIN BE-  
FORE JUNE 30. IT IS NOW SCHEDULED TO START JUNE 10.  
PANAMA ASKED FOR A CHANGE TO JUNE 1 IN ORDER THAT THERE BE  
NO POSSIBILITY OF CONFLICT WITH ITS AMPHICTYONIC CONFER-  
ENCE, JUNE 20-23, TO WHICH ALL LATIN HEADS OF STATE ARE IN-  
VITED. AMBASSADOR PITY TOLD US PANAMA WANTS A HIATUS OF  
FIVE TO SEVEN DAYS BETWEEN THE TWO CONFERENCES. OUR SOUND-  
INGS IN THE PERMANENT COUNCIL INDICATE THAT MOST COUNTRIES  
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ARE READY TO GO ALONG WITH PANAMA.

WE HAVE TALKED INFORMALLY WITH PITTY ABOUT THE PROBLEM  
A JUNE 1 STARTING DATE WOULD CAUSE. PITTY THINKS HIS  
GOVERNMENT WOULD AGREE TO JUNE 3 RATHER THAN JUNE 1.

TO GET AGREEMENT TO A LATER STARTING DATE WOULD RE-  
QUIRE DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT IN PANAMA.  
WE RECOMMEND AGAINST THIS, BECAUSE THERE ARE SIGNS THAT  
PANAMA'S MUCH HERALDED AMPHICTYONIC SHOW OF LA SOLIDARITY  
MAY TURN INTO LESS THAN A COMPLETE SUCCESS. BECAUSE CUBA  
IS INVITED, A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES (URUGUAY, PARAGUAY,  
CHILE) HAVE HINTED THAT THEY MAY REFUSE TO ATTEND. IF THE  
AMPHICTYONIC CONFERENCE SHOULD FALL APART WE WOULD NOT  
WANT TO BE VULNERABLE TO CHARGES THAT WE WERE RESPONSIBLE  
BECAUSE OF OUR POSITION ON THE OASGA DATE. MOREOVER OUR  
INSISTENCE WITH THE PANAMANIAN ON ANOASGADATE WHICH RAN  
MUCH CLOSER TO THE AMPHICTYONIC CONFERENCE WOULD IMPLY AN  
ALMOST IRONCLAD COMMITMENT THAT YOU WILL, IN FACT, ATTEND  
THE GA. WE THINK IT UNWISE TO MAKE SUCH A COMMITMENT THIS  
FAR IN ADVANCE.

THEREFORE WE CONSIDER THE MOST PRACTICABLE ALTERNA-  
TIVE AVAILABLE TO US IS TO GO FOR A JUNE 3 OASGA START.  
THIS WOULD PERMIT YOU TO ATTEND TO JUAN CARLOS ON JUNE 2  
AND 3 (INCLUDING SPANISH EMBASSY EVENING FUNCTION JUNE 3)  
AND ARRIVE IN SANTIAGO ON JUNE 4 FOR THE IMPORTANT "DIA-  
LOGUE" SESSIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY JUNE 4 THRU JUNE 7. YOU  
COULD THEN PROCEED TO PARIS FOR THE JUNE 9 OECD MEETING.

ARTHUR HARTMAN ALSO POINTS OUT THAT ON THE ASSUMPTION  
JUAN CARLOS WILL SPEND JUNE 4 IN NEW YORK, THERE ARE PLANS  
FOR DAVID ROCKEFELLER TO HOST AN EVENING AT POCANTICO.

ANY ALTERNATIVE DATES WOULD INVOLVE (A) CHANGE OF  
DATE OR CANCELLATION OF YOUR PARTICIPATION IN OECD MEETING  
JUNE 9, (B) CONFLICT WITH PANAMA MEETING JUNE 20-23, (C)  
RUNNING GA INTO JULY WITH CONFLICTS WITH SEVERAL INDEPEN-  
DENCE DAYS INCLUDING OUR OWN, OR (D) COMPLETELY REARRANG-  
ING OASGA AGENDA TO PLACE MINISTERIAL DIALOGUE IN FINAL  
PART OF MEETING. WE BELIEVE ANY OF THESE WOULD CAUSE  
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GREAT DIFFICULTIES AT BEST AND AT WORST WOULD BE DEFEATED  
IN A VOTE IN THE PERMANENT COUNCIL.

### 3. RECOMMENDATION

THAT YOU AUTHORIZE OUR ASKING PANAMA (AND CHILE AND  
OTHERS) TO AGREE TO A JUNE 3 OASGA STARTING DATE. WE  
WOULD MAKE CLEAR OF COURSE THAT THIS WOULD NOT REPRESENT

A FIRM COMMITMENT ON YOUR PART TO ATTEND BUT THAT SUCH A  
CHANGE WOULD AVOID MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO ATTEND.

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